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Power lunch



Learning to lead: A Nation of Islam representative chats with Miss A&T Machel Cato and student Bennie Brewington at a Student Government Association-sponsored Leadership Luncheon.

Triad AIDS educators battle misconceptions, bigotry

by April Dillard
Staff Reporter

Editor's note: The young woman in the following story lives in this community. The name "Angela" is a pseudonym used to protect her identity.

"AIDS is not a gay disease or a drug users' disease, it is a people's disease," said Angela, "which means it will affect anybody and everybody unless people wake up and smell the coffee."

Angela is a 25-year-old African-American woman who lives in the Triad. She has a full-blown case of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Angela said she contracted the virus after a two-year relationship involving sexual contact with a bi-sexual male who contracted the virus several years ago.

Many misconceptions and stereotypes concerning the fatal disease have circulated during the past decade, said one AIDS educator, who believes that education is the only hope of preventing the further spread of the disease until a cure is found.

"I would like to stress the importance of education where HIV

"You cannot look at someone to see if they have AIDS. The face of AIDS can be upon any one of us."

— Dianne Wadel, AIDS educator for the Triad Health Project

and AIDS are concerned for the future of our culture," said Dianne Wadel, AIDS educator for the Triad Health Project, a non-profit agency established to improve the quality of

AIDS and minorities

- 2 of 5 Americans with AIDS are black or Hispanic
- Half of women with AIDS are black
- An estimated 90 percent of infected people are unaware that they have the virus

life among people in the Triad affected by AIDS.

Some researchers estimate that 90 percent of the people with the HIV virus are unaware that they are infected, Wadel said.

Statistics at the Triad Health Project show that Angela is one of 260 people in the Triad with AIDS who utilize the support facility. Of these cases, 51 percent are African-Americans.

"I thought that this could not happen to me," said Angela. "I was carefree about life in general before I

contracted AIDS. Now that I am infected with the AIDS (virus), I am learning as much as I can about it."

Angela discovered she had AIDS after seeking medical attention for a series of severe headaches followed by blackouts and memory loss.

After Angela spent nearly a month in the hospital, her original diagnosis was changed from spinal meningitis to spinal cryptococcosis, a disease common in people with AIDS. The disease flagged the possibility that Angela, who had been in excellent health all her life, was HIV positive. Later, additional tests confirmed the health official's theory.

Before contracting the virus, said Angela, "I basically thought it was something that happened to gay people."

AIDS is not just a gay, white man's disease, said Ros Watson, nurse supervisor at Sebastian Health Clinic at A&T. It is common in everyone who participates in unsafe sex practices.

A&T health officials were unable to provide statistics on the number of students at the university with AIDS, because the health clinic is not a testing site for HIV.

However, the clinic does sponsor HIV Awareness Week every year to help educate students about the virus, Wadel said.

"You cannot look at someone to see if they have AIDS," she said. "The face of AIDS can be upon any one of us."

Angela's appearance gives no indication that she has AIDS. Unlike the terminal patients frequently shown

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A&T rated one of top 10 "inexpensive" American universities

from staff reports

North Carolina A&T State University is one of the best inexpensive universities in the country to attend for a good education, according to a report released by a company specializing in educational issues.

Whittle Communications, whose other educational projects include placing the controversial television news magazine Channel 1 in high school classrooms and proposing the privatization of some school systems, rated A&T one of America's top ten inexpensive schools in a booklet titled "How to Pay for College."

A&T and the other nine universities on the list are all accredited, four-year public schools offering in-state tuition and room and board for less than \$3,999 per year.

The report also compares the costs of private and public colleges.

Based on a 1990-91 cost analysis of 3,200 colleges nationwide, the average student at a private school can expect to pay \$37,564 in tuition. This compares to \$7,236 for an in-state student at a public institution.

When expenses such as books and supplies, transportation, room and board and other miscellaneous fees

Top 10 "Inexpensive" American Colleges:

- Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston, Idaho;
- Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana;
- New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico;
- North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina;
- Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas;
- University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho;
- University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, Oshkosh, Superior and Whitewater;
- West Liberty State College, West Liberty, West Virginia;
- Valley City State University, Valley City, North Dakota;
- Valdosta State College, Valdosta, Georgia.

are factored in, the average total cost for four years at a private college is \$61,272. At a public school, the in-state total is \$27,964. For out-of-state students who face additional tuition fees, the total jumps to \$39,756.

"Cleaner burning" gas program fuels some drivers' concerns

by Corey Cartwright
Staff Reporter

For the third straight year, Triad drivers will be required to participate in a "cleaner burning" fuel program from November through December in order to comply with the federal Clean Air Act of 1990.

This legislation, mandated through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), stipulates that certain regions of the United States conduct programs that will substantially reduce air pollutants that scientists believe are eating away at the Earth's protective ozone layer, through the use of oxygenated fuel during the winter months.

According to the N.C. Division of Environmental Management, 80-90 percent of carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas, comes from the emission of automobile and truck tailpipes.

In the summer of 1988, ozone monitors in the Triad, along

with the Raleigh-Durham area, recorded 16 violations of federal standards for carbon monoxide levels in the air.

"Once a county or region has been designated as a 'non-attainment' area by EPA guidelines, it is mandatory the area participate in the cleaner fuel program during the winter months until it has complied with the necessary guidelines," said Donnie Redmond, environmental supervisor for the N.C. Air Quality Division of Environmental Management.

"The oxygenated fuel program is conducted during the winter months because the dispersal rate of carbon dioxide is slower due to the cold air, which leaves higher levels of the poisonous gas lingering in the air, especially when you first start your car in the morning or after it's been sitting awhile," he said.

The EPA recently noted that in the three-year period

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Transportation awards pave way to careers for A&T students

by Stephanie Montgomery
Correspondent

Transportation students recently received awards totaling \$38,250 from the Transportation Institute of the School of Business at North Carolina A&T.

The awards, made possible by funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation, were awarded to students based on grade point average, faculty recommendations and the students' interest in pursuing a career in transportation.

"These awards will strengthen our ability to attract students to the two transportation disciplines at N.C. A&T and help alleviate the country's serious need for skilled transportation professionals,"

said Joyce Johnson, co-director of the Southeastern Transportation Center (STC) and interim director of the Transportation Institute.

The Transportation Institute, a research organization that studies transportation, gives students an opportunity to work with faculty on various research projects before graduation.

"We are here for the students", said Transportation Institute Administrative Officer Harold G. Willis. "They can work on campus with faculty and gain experience during the school year."

In addition to the monetary awards, the students participate in activities sponsored by the STC. In

September, several students travelled to Lexington, KY, for the annual Kentucky Transportation Expo.

"At the Expo, people were impressed to see undergraduate students come to the events," said Transportation Club President Monica Kerr. "Most of the people there were professionals or graduate students."

Last year, the STC moved its headquarters from N.C. State University to N.C. A&T's Transportation Institute.

Devintia Headen, vice-president of the Transportation Club, said the institute was a very important source for employment opportunities, graduate programs, and networking.

Greensboro arts council to stage African-American festival

The United Arts Council of Greensboro will produce the seventh annual African-American Arts Festival during February, Black History Month, and March 1993.

The two-month long festival is staged as a celebration of the outstanding contributions that African-American artists have made to American culture.

Acting as the coordinating agent, the United

Arts Council will work with area arts organizations, colleges and universities to program a full complement of local, regional and national cultural events throughout the Greensboro area.

Each of the last six years, the festival has grown in scope and participation. More than 10,000 people participated in the 1992 African-American Arts Festival events.

Plans for the 1993 festival are currently underway. A full schedule of events will be available to the public the week of January 6, 1993.

Those who want additional information concerning the festival can contact the United Arts Council of Greensboro at 200 North Davie Street, P.O. Box 869, Greensboro, NC 27402 or call (919) 333-7440.

King birthday salute planned

ATLANTA—Edwin L. Artzt, chairman and chief executive of the Proctor and Gamble Co., will serve as chair at the eleventh annual Salute to Greatness Dinner in observance of the 64th birthday anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Coretta Scott King has announced.

Mrs. King, widow of Dr. King and founding president and chief executive officer of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, said the dinner

typically brought together leaders from the civic, political and business sectors to honor Dr. King's teachings.

"The private sector has an important role to play in applying Martin's teachings of nonviolence to the on-going campaign against racism, violence and poverty," Mrs. King said while making the announcement, "so we are pleased to have Mr. Artzt join us as chair of the Salute to Greatness Dinner."

In accepting the

appointment, Artzt said, "It is a privilege to chair the Salute to Greatness Dinner in this year when we are recognizing so many important milestones in the life and work of Dr. King: the 64th anniversary of his birth, the 25th anniversary of his assassination and the 30th anniversary of his immortal 'I Have a Dream' speech."

"These milestones serve to remind us of the importance and enduring relevance of Dr. King's teachings," Artzt added.



1993 Nuclear Regulatory Commission Graduate Fellowship Program

The NRC Graduate Fellowship Program is designed to support students in advanced study (master's program) and practical work experience in health physics, nuclear engineering, and the following special engineering disciplines: instrumentation and control systems; materials science, materials engineering, and metallurgy; artificial intelligence and expert systems in human factors. The following benefits are included:

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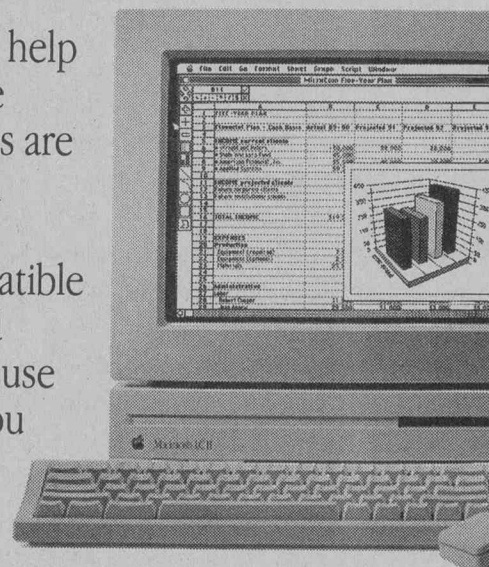


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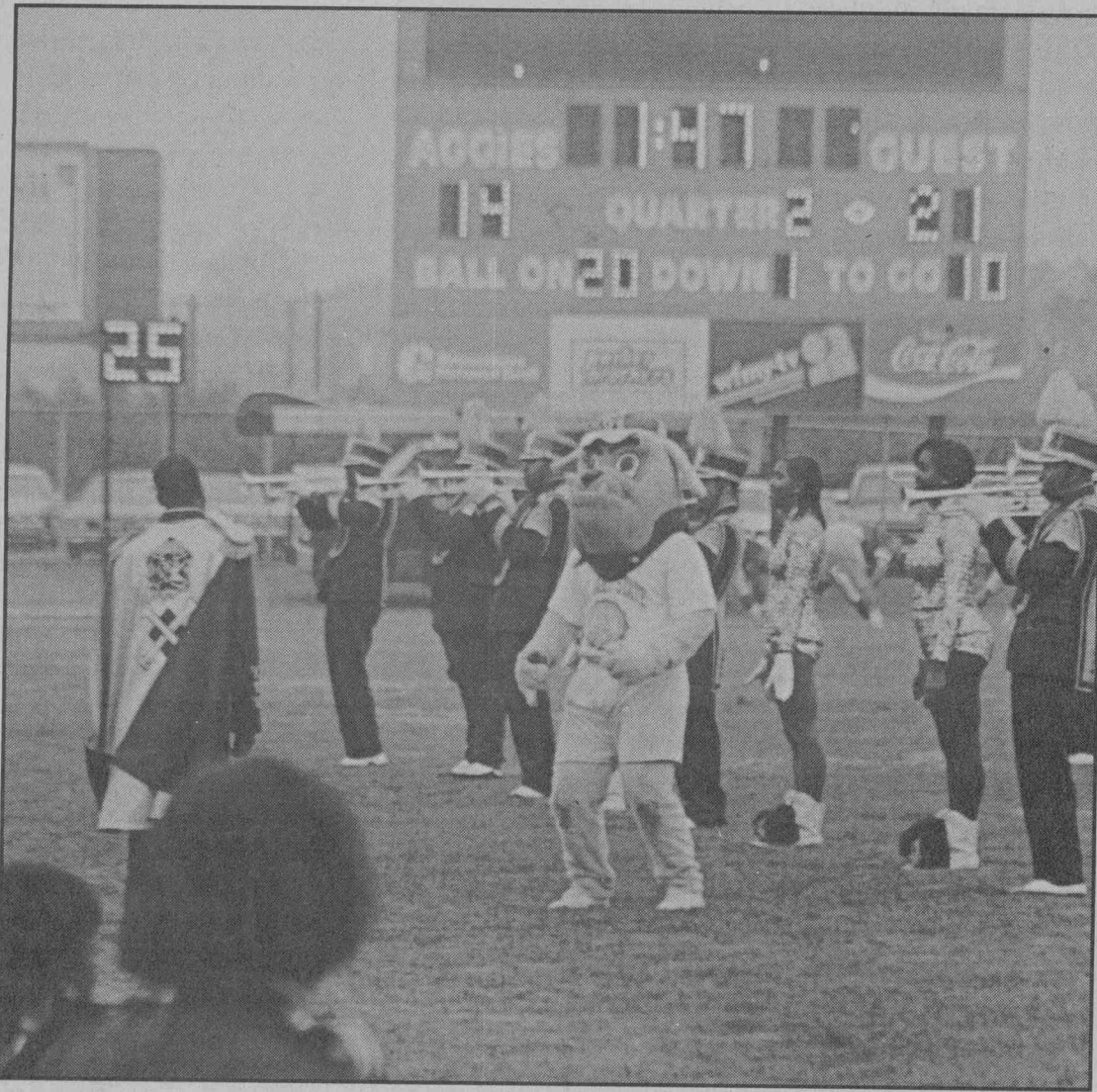
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CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

Top dog



Barking orders: A&T's mascot and marching band rally the crowd during the Aggies' football victory over South Carolina State. For the a full football round-up, turn to page 4.

Black student leaders discuss future agenda at first statewide meeting

by Greg Williams
News Editor

Black student representatives from four North Carolina colleges met to discuss an agenda for student leaders at the first statewide Interuniversity Student Coalition meeting Wednesday in A&T's Student Union Ballroom.

At a press conference after the meeting, which was closed to the media, students from N.C. A&T, UNC-Greensboro, N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill presented a

list of items that the group said were "an integral part of the total program of any university or college that has African-American students on its campus."

The list included:

- An African-American studies program at every university;

- A fully functional African-American cultural center at every campus, which must include at least a library, meeting space, and an art gallery;

- A comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of African-American faculty;

- A comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of African-American graduate and undergraduate students, emphasizing the recruitment of males;

- An African-American newspaper at every campus;

- A budget to bring African-

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Coast Guard MORE program keeps students in school

by Cynthia Melton
Staff Reporter

The United States Coast Guard is offering to pay all college tuition, book and lab fees for minority students in an effort to draw more minority officers into their ranks.

Students in the program, called MORE (Minority Officer Recruitment Effort), also earn \$1,300 per month in take-home pay during their college studies. In return, students are required to attend Officers Candidate School (OCS) and serve three years in the Coast Guard after graduation.

"Minority officers make up 1-2 percent of U.S. Coast Guard officers," said Brian Marks, a junior

industrial engineering major from Tinton Falls, N.J., who is enrolled in the program.

To qualify, a student must be a freshman, sophomore or junior, maintain a 2.5 GPA and be younger than 25 years old.

Six A&T students are currently enrolled in the MORE program. For some, the funds provided by the Coast Guard meant the difference between completing their college education and dropping out.

"I joined the program when my mother couldn't afford my tuition for the next semester," said Adrian West, who is now a senior electronic computer technology major from Charlotte, N.C.

James Reid said he joined the program when his

department did not offer any scholarship money, even though he had a 3.8 GPA in marketing.

During college, the program requires a student to work three hours every week, complete eight weeks of basic training and 17 weeks of Officer Candidate School.

Once an officer begins Coast Guard duty, Reid said, the starting pay is generous. "The job pays \$30,000 a year, which is more than the salary many corporations offer," he added.

"I see the program as an excellent opportunity to assure job security," said Jerome Surles, a junior communications major from Durham, N.C.

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Sorority offers fellowships

by Lori Ingram
Staff Reporter

Graduating Alpha Lambda Delta members or recent alumna of North Carolina A&T State University who have maintained a 3.5 or higher GPA are eligible for one of fifteen \$3,000 fellowships, a spokeswoman for the sorority has announced.

"These fellowships are available for those alpha Lambda Delta members who plan on attending graduate or professional school," said

Marva Watlington, administrative advisor for Alpha Lambda Delta members.

Alpha Lambda Delta is a national society that honors academic excellence during a student's first year in college.

"Its purpose is to encourage superior academic achievement among students, to promote a high standard of learning and to develop meaningful goals in society," Watlington said.

Alpha Lambda Delta has 211 chapters throughout

the nation.

"North Carolina A&T State University has 101 new members," said Tonya Ellison, sophomore member of Alpha Lambda Delta. "Members of the chapters are involved in numerous campus activities and also work closely with the Greensboro community."

"The purpose of this fellowship is to recognize and encourage excellence in programming, campus visibility and internal communication," said Watlington.

Cleaner-burning

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beginning in 1989, the Triad was one of 13 areas across the U.S. with the best air quality in the last ten years. However, the region was still required to participate in the cleaner fuel program this winter.

"In order to come off this (non-attainment) list, the region must first meet the clean air guidelines for three consecutive years and show proof that the state or local government has programs in place that will guarantee these areas will meet the clean air guidelines for the next 10 years," Redmond said. "Once the Triad meets these criteria, the oxygenated gas program will go away."

Along with the mandatory oxygenated fuel program, North Carolina's motor vehicle inspection program is the second leg of the state's efforts to comply with the federal guidelines. North Carolina vehicles, which doubled in number from 2.1 million in 1970 to 4.9 million in 1987, are being screened during annual automobile inspections.

A safety test, conducted to measure carbon and hydrochloride levels

during emissions tests, will single out those cars that continue to burn carbon dioxide at an unacceptable level and force owners to rectify their own emissions problem before they are issued a valid inspection sticker.

Although local inspection stations are responsible for checking each automobile for the emissions, the N.C. Department of Agriculture is responsible for the overall enforcement of the oxygenated fuel program.

"We've been responsible for conducting gas and oil inspections for the last 50 years, so I guess because we already have the equipment and necessary staff, we've been assigned this task," said Duane Scott, manager for the N.C. Motor Fuel Standard Division.

"We have field chemists that travel in 12 mobile labs that randomly sample fuel at gas stations throughout the state to make sure that they are complying with the oxygenated fuel program, and that the quality of fuel they're selling meets performance standards," said Scott.

According to figures

released by the N.C. Department of Agriculture, approximately 15 percent of these filling stations use the MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) oxygenated fuel, while the other 85 percent use ethanol.

"There's not much difference in the effects of the two fuels on vehicles except for a 1 or 2 percent decrease in mileage when using the MTBE fuel, which can't be detected under normal driving conditions," said Scott.

Although this may be true, some N.C. motorists are concerned that the oxygenated fuel will somehow damage their vehicles, and they are having doubts about using the special fuel.

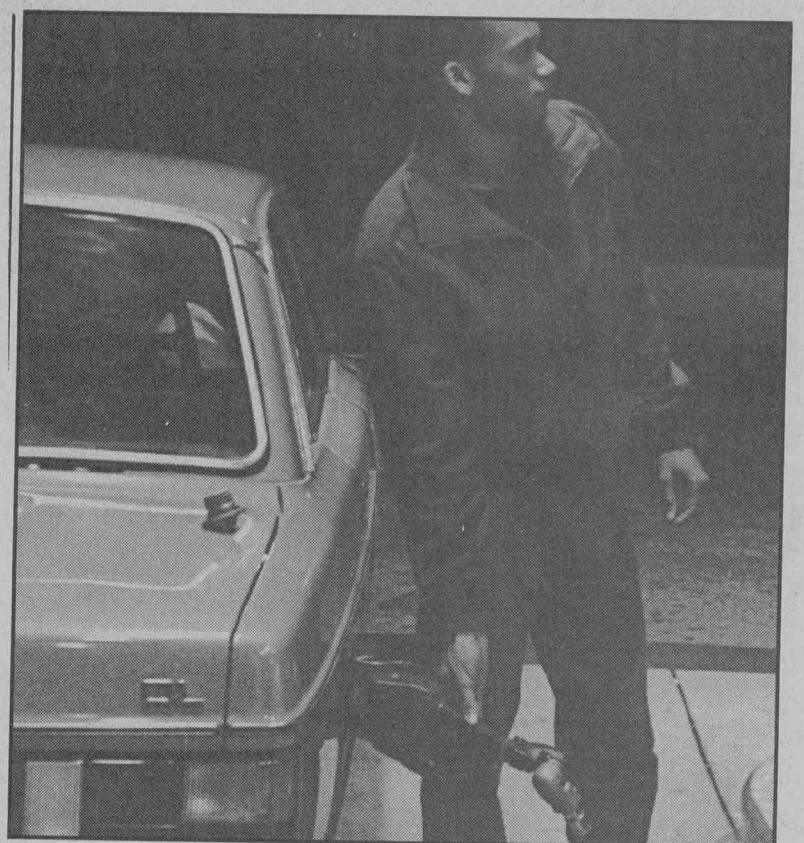
"I'll probably continue to fill my car up outside of the county until the four-month period is over," said Garriss Evans, a program specialist for the Emergency Management Office of Guilford County. "I filled up one time in Guilford County since the program began November 1, and I had problems with my engine knocking and my car hesitating."

"All manufacturers approve the use of up to 10 percent of ethanol fuel and 15 percent MTBE fuel," said Redmond, who owns a 1989 Toyota. "However, the oxygenated fuel can cause particles that are attached to the walls of a car's fuel line to be loosened, and clog the fuel pump, which would cause the knocking and hesitation," he said.

"The majority of the calls we get aren't complaints, but are from people who want to know if the cleaner fuel will damage their car, and we give these people 800 numbers for Nissan, Toyota, and other automobile manufacturers so they can be assured their vehicle will not be damaged," said Redmond.

"B.P. and several other major gasoline companies have produced brochures outlining what this program is all about and guaranteeing they will pay for the repair of any damage done to a vehicle that's directly related to the purchase of their gasoline," he said.

"Incidence of complaints haven't increased in this office," said Scott. "We did, however, confirm one



Fill 'er up: A Greensboro motorist pumps the EPA-mandated oxygenated fuel, which will be required until March, into his car.

report that an individual in Wake County had problems with their automobile, but this was due to an improper blend of the fuel, and not the correctly blended formula these stations are required to use."

Other areas currently under federal mandate to use the cleaner fuel are Tucson, Ariz., and Denver, Co., as well as the Raleigh-Durham area and Charlotte. "Denver has been on this program for the past five years and they're

reporting that the smog problem there has been significantly decreased, so I don't see any reason why the same program won't be successful in here," said Scott.

"I haven't noticed any difference at all in my car's performance since I have been using the oxygenated fuel," said Ginger Jenkins, a junior economics major. "However, I do sometimes worry whether using this fuel could possibly damage my car," she added.

SPORTS

Championship hopes dashed as Citadel rollover A&T 44-0

Earlier win over S.C. State earned A&T playoff bid

by Tonya Renee Monroe
Staff Reporter

The A&T football team's bid for a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship was obliterated Saturday when an overpowering Citadel squad crushed the Aggies 44-0.

The bruising defeat came just a week after a dramatic come-from-behind victory against South Carolina State earned the Aggies a trip to the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs in Charleston, S.C.

A&T's 21-14 triumph over the S.C. State Bulldogs had revived playoff hopes after the Aggies suffered an earlier 42-6 thrashing at the hands of Appalachian State.

South Carolina State controlled the first half of the game, taking a 21-14 lead into the locker room. The bright spot for the Aggies was Brian Rodman's first-quarter 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

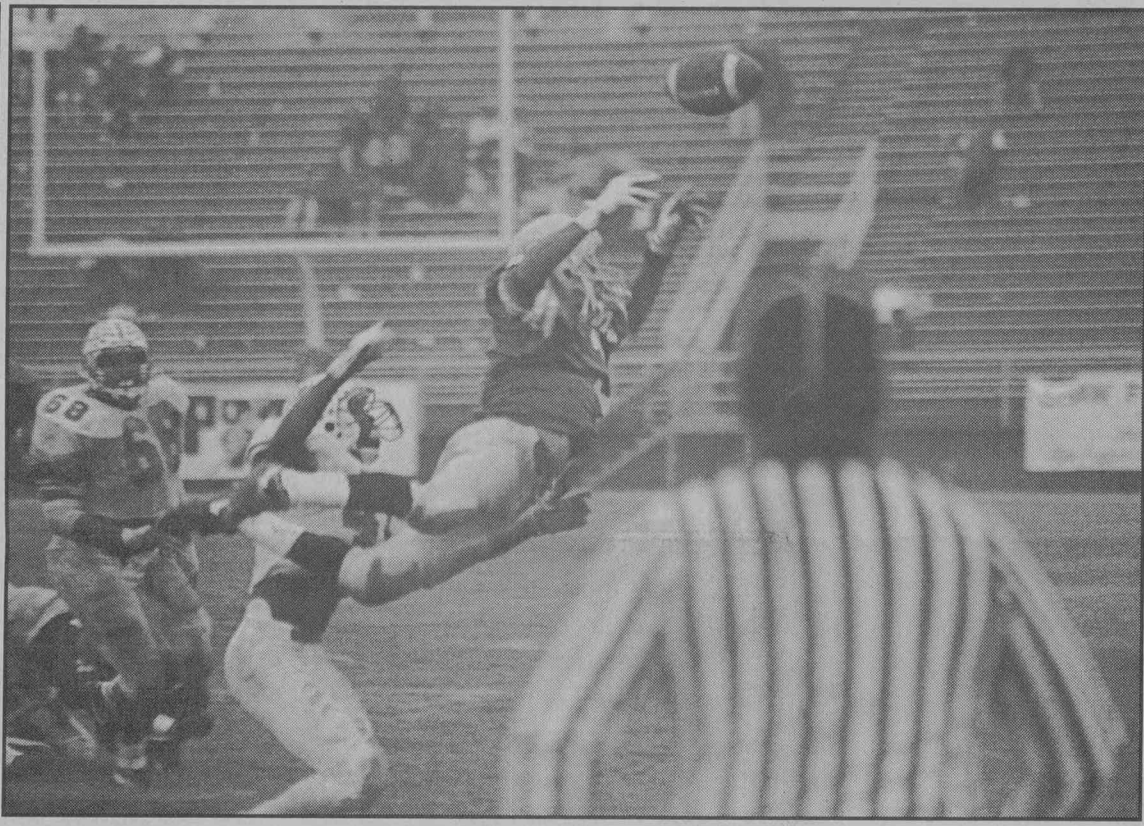
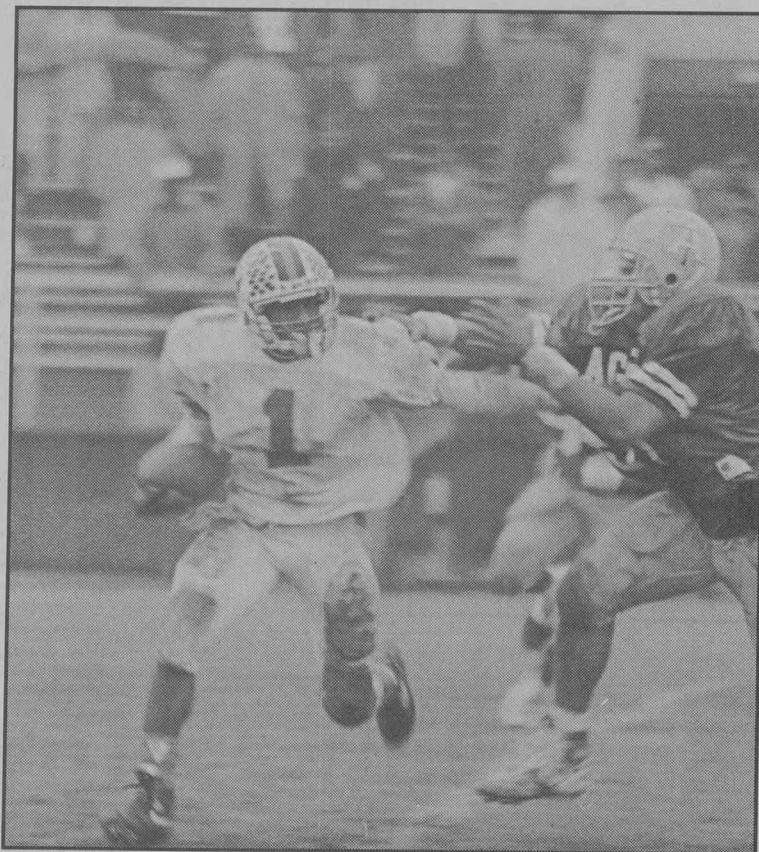
A&T's Larry King scored in the second quarter with a two-yard touchdown run to bring the Aggies within one touchdown of tying the game.

The tide turned for the Bulldogs when A&T dominated the field in the second half. Aggie placekicker

Carl Warren started the third quarter with a 28-yard field goal.

But the real drama was yet to come. With two minutes left to play in the fourth quarter, A&T quarterback Adrian Starks broke through with a one-yard touchdown run to put the Aggies up 24-21.

Coming through: An S.C. State ball carrier (right) tries to fend off a pair of tenacious Aggie defenders. **Going airborne:** An Aggie receiver (below) launches himself skyward in an effort to reel in a pass as S.C. State defenders look on.



49ers hand Aggies first lost

by Keith Bullard
Sports Editor

Some people would not believe that the N. C. A&T men's basketball team that put a scare into the UNC-Charlotte 49ers Tuesday is the same squad that suffered a 41-point loss to the 49ers last year.

But the Aggies seemed to lose their focus on the game in the fourth quarter, falling to UNC-Charlotte 85-73 for their sixth loss to the 49ers.

"I think we have a lot of potential," said A&T forward Thomas Garner. "Last year we got blown out, but this time we could have won except we had a couple breakdowns in the second half."

A&T forward Jamaine Williams attributed the loss to a lack of focus in the second half.

"We were taking some wild shots," he said. "We weren't thinking about our plays and we weren't doing anything that we focused on in the first half. We got a little tired and Charlotte went a little deeper on their bench than we did."

The Aggies started the game aggressively and did not hesitate to put the ball on the floor and drive to the basket.

Phillip Allen sparked an early Aggie run with a three-

pointer. Williams blocked an inbound pass and fed the ball to Darryl Cheeley, who made an assist to Garner to put the Aggies up 7-4.

The Aggies continued their aggressive play as Williams nailed a three pointer (2-5 for the game) and rebounded the ball for a slam to put the Aggies up by 9 points, 16-7, with 14:43 left in the half.

When Williams was told he played a different role than last year, shooting the outside shot, he said, "I was taken out my game last year playing center and forward and during last year's Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Tournament, I shot from the outside and averaged 21 points against Morgan State, so coach feels if I go back to my old position than I can benefit the team more."

UNC-Charlotte began a come-back run against the Aggies when a shot in the lane by 49er Aaron Wilhite brought the team within three points.

But a Garner three pointer gave the Aggies more room to breathe, 27-21. A missed dunk by Allen gave the 49ers a chance to close the gap and they did, 31-29, with a dunk by Jarvis Lang.

The Aggies were able

to hold on to the lead with a jumper by Garner as time ran out to send the 49ers in the locker room down by five, 44-39.

"It took us a long time to realize that we were in a buzz saw," said UNC-Charlotte coach Jeff Mullins. "A&T is a lot better team than we've played in the last couple of years."

"I saw a lot of things I liked tonight," said A&T coach Don Corbett. "I saw tenacity. Our defense was good. Our rebounding was pretty good in spots. We've just got to shoot

the ball just a little better."

In the second half the 49ers jumped to their first lead of the game at 17:57, 46-44, and kept the lead throughout the half.

The 49ers' biggest lead came with 8:43 left in the game, 64-58. With 3:00 left to play, the Aggies trailed by 12 points, 75-63.

Allen was fouled on a three-point attempt, made the basket and converted on the free throw leaving the score 67-75 and the hopes of a win alive.

But after a dunk by Lang, the Aggies began to lose focus on the game, and were unable to close the gap.



Air Aggie: An A&T guard cuts through a forest of UNC-Charlotte players to take the inside shot as teammates look on.

Hall of Fame adds four stars to its ranks

by Keith Bullard
Sports Editor

"I feel it's a great honor to know someone else feels that I am worthy of being part of (this) organization, and I want to (emphasize) to youth that education comes first," said N.C. A&T Sports Hall of Fame inductee Melvin Fair during a press luncheon announcing the 1992 selections.

A&T inducted four of the most spectacular sports performers to play at the university between 1948 and 1975. The other inductees included track star Edward Carter, basketball player Frank Charles Mahon and baseball player Roland Floyd (Little Man) Ellier.

Fair led the Aggies to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Wrestling Championship in 1974-75 and was selected as District Wrestling Champion in the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association in 1974.

He later coached wrestling at Winston Salem State University for seven years, capturing the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) wrestling championship three years in a row. Fair has served as a teacher and coach at high schools in Randolph County, Guilford County and aquatics manager at High Point City Lake.

Carter ran his way to more first place honors than any other member of the 1948-1952 A&T Track Team. As the CIAA low hurdles champion in 1951-52, he compiled the best individual performance records of any player in the CIAA conference.

He broke his own record by running the 120-

yard high hurdles in 13.7 seconds, and set new records in the 120-yard high hurdles, the 220-yard low hurdles in the Alabama Relays and the 220-yard low hurdles in the North Carolina Relays. Carter was the best scorer in 42 meets and won eight medals for A&T. More than just a track star, he graduated as one of his class' most outstanding seniors and holds a membership in the Chancellor's Club.

Mahon helped the Aggies clinch basketball championships from 1948 to 1952. During Mahon's senior year, he served as co-captain of the team and led the conference in scoring as the Aggies captured the CIAA Championship. Mahon has spent thirty-five years as a teacher and supervisor in the New York City education department.

The Special Olympics, neighborhood youth corps programs and summer athletics for youth in New York City are just a few of Mahon's extra-curricular activities. He coaches numerous sports for the NY Board of Education, and is active with the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and the NY City Courtsman Association, Inc.

Eller was widely seen as the most feared catcher in the CIAA from 1953-56, as he sparked the baseball team to two conference championships and one runners-up trophy with his .477 batting average.

Eller made all-conference in 1954-56 and received the Philadelphia Alumni Sports Award as the outstanding athlete at A&T in 1956. He signed a contract with the Milwaukee Braves from 1959-1961, and is currently a coordinator in rehab medicine at the F.D.R. Veterans' Affairs Hospital in Montrose, N.Y.

Lady Aggies fall in home opener

by Tonya Renee Monroe
Staff Reporter

The Lady Aggie Basketball team's speed proved no match for UNC-Charlotte's height advantage Tuesday when the Aggies fell during their first home game to the visiting Lady 49ers 80-52.

"There were three factors in the game," said A&T Coach Tim Abney. "We are young, we lost our key player Angela Allen, and our shooting. (Our) people were kind of hesitating as far as score-hitting."

Abney said he had created A&T's fast-tempo game plan to compensate for the players' small size, but the quickness of the Aggies was no defense against the 49ers' height at the basket.

Before the game

officially began, UNC-C picked up a point on a technical foul against the Aggies for delay of the start of the game.

Bouncing back from this unpromising start, A&T forwards Angela Hill and Hope Monroe kept the Aggies on the board, with 14 points and nine points respectively.

Guard Kim Gilmore demonstrated her teamwork with six assists. Hill also tried to boost the Aggie defense, contributing seven rebounds and three steals.

Abney said that despite the lop-sided loss, he was pleased with his team's fighting spirit.

"One thing I am proud of is that the ladies did not quit," he said. They got off to a slow start, but still fought. (And) as long as you fight, you are never a loser."

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centered speakers to the respective campuses;

• Increased university support for African-American campus organizations (i.e.

conferences, programs, workshops, etc.);

• Increased monetary support for custodians, groundkeepers and support staff on all

campuses;

• Increased support staff for African-American students (i.e. counselors);

• Increased financial aid for African-American students;

• More funds earmarked for historically black colleges and universities (HBCU);

• Acknowledging that N.C. has the second highest number of HBCUs, preserving HBCUs and ensuring that HBCUs continue to reflect the needs of the African-American community;

• Improved economic development at our schools and in the community by patronizing more black-owned businesses and establishing a black-owned business advisory council at every school (individuals will work on publishing a black-owned business directory, i.e. "The Black Pages").

Eric Short, press relations chairman of the A&T History Club, said the meeting enabled student leaders to discuss problems on each

individual campus and formulate solutions.

"The meeting today was to come together as student leaders and create a common foundation on where we all stand on certain issues as black students in college," said Short. "We came together to get some ideas, to use our creativity and imagination to come up with something different and progressive to solve the problems," he added.

History club president Dwayne Patterson said the statewide meeting was a starting place for parity.

"Once the students come together like in the past they have come together, the communities will follow. We as black people have got to realize that if we don't start somewhere then no one will start anywhere," Patterson said.

N.C. State student Leslie Thompson said the Statewide Student Coalition's main goal was unity.

One way the leaders said they planned to solve or at least discuss some of the problems is a large scale student meeting. Short said educating students and the communities on certain issues was key to the movement.

"We want to hold a black student summit next semester, to have all schools come, students and communities. Anybody's welcome," Short said.

Short also said the summit would give black students and the black community a chance to help themselves.

"For us to truly survive and prosper in this culture, we have to change the way we're living, he said. "We've taken on this western way of life and it's killing us slowly but surely. This summit is letting people know it's time for change from us, we're not asking for help from nobody."

Coast Guard from page 3

The Coast Guard either pays for 75 percent of graduate school after an officer has served three years or pays for all graduate school after an officer becomes a lieutenant.

Ensign Samuel Still, an A&T alumnus who majored in architectural engineering and received his commission through the MORE program, now works in Yorkstown, Va. "I enjoy what I'm

doing," he said. "The program definitely works."

West agreed. "A person should consider motive, money, options and time before joining the program," he said. "I personally can't beat it."

West added that A&T students should take advantage of the program.

"Presently, we don't

have any applicants for the MORE program scholarships and slots have remained unclaimed," he said. "If this continues, I predict the program will end and at least 20 minorities per year that could've been helped will not be helped."

For more information, students can call the U.S. Coast Guard recruitment office at 275-4951.

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on television or in magazines, her skin is not pale and she shows no sign of excessive weight loss.

Doctors initially predicted that Angela would only live for six months after she was first diagnosed, due to the severity of her case, but later were surprised to find that Angela's condition was more under control than it appeared earlier.

Angela said she felt that her positive attitude was a major contributing factor to her present improved condition.

Unlike many AIDS patients, she has support from her husband and outside support units such as the Triad Health Project.

She said she didn't feel sick every day, and was just like anyone else who had to take medicine for an illness.

"I'm not preparing myself to die," Angela said. "I'm living. I decided that I would find the silver lining in this disease called AIDS."

Condoms are the only preventative method available to stop the spread of the virus for those participating in sex. However, they are not 100 percent effective, Wadel said.

Every time someone participates in protected or unprotected sex, Wadel said, "because of the failure rate of condoms, they put themselves at risk of AIDS."

Angela was married before she discovered she had AIDS. She has three children — two- and five-year-olds and an 8-month-old baby — none of whom are HIV positive. Angela became pregnant with her 8-month-old even though she used condoms as a preventative measure against AIDS.

"You need to first of all know how to use a condom," said Angela, adding that obviously even they are not completely safe.

People with AIDS encounter many problems with friends, family and employers once they have revealed their condition, Wadel said.

Society discriminates due to lack of education and fear, she noted. Families turn away and jobs are lost once the person reveals his or her condition.

Wadel said she believed that in time education would raise the level of

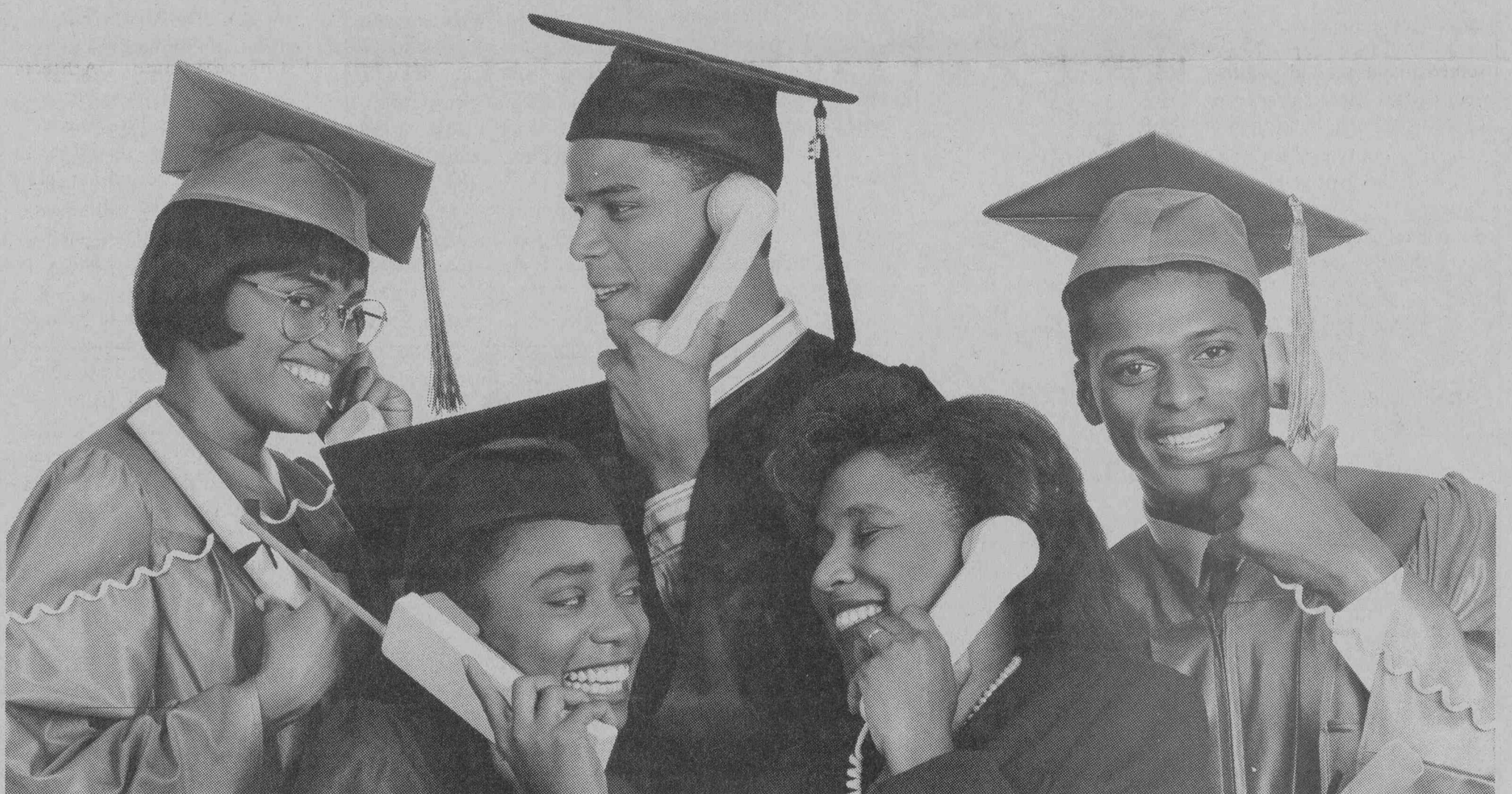
compassion shown to AIDS victims.

Angela said she was taking a positive role in informing as many people as

she could about aids.

The disease "makes me want to get out and do what I can do to educate people about AIDS," she said.

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OPINION



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'Tis the Season

The season is upon us when joy is supposed to be in the air, everyone is jolly, and good will to all men. Ba-hum-bug. The season has become the time when the smell of inflation is in the air, everyone is broke, and big bills to all men.

I was brought up thinking that a fat guy about five feet tall and 300 pounds was going to fit through a chimney. Actually, during my Santa fearing days, I was living in a nine story apartment building and was told that the fat guy had a key. I believed it. I believed that a fat, bloated, red-nose, white beard, leave me some cookies by the table, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer loving, red pajama wearing-man was going to bring me some toys.

I am not against happy children, but eight-tiny reindeer that fly? If somebody who still believes in Santa is reading this article, pay close attention to the next few words: **HE IS NOT REAL.** I do not understand the logic behind telling kids that this fictitious character, who like God can know everything and be everywhere at the same time, is the man who brings us toys if we are good. Ba-hum-bug. I will not tell a lie. I was emotionally distraught when I found out the truth about Santa. But, I got over it. Then I got into another holiday ditch: buying gifts for that "special one." Ba-hum-bug.

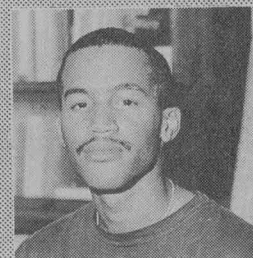
This meant trying to out-do what you bought last year. I am solo now and my wallet still has not recovered. I dreaded the Christmas season because it meant working overtime, credit cards over limit, and my mind, fried over easy. I also got over that.

I look at Christmas different now. Christmas is time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ the Lord. When you evaluate the Christmas story, you see a child born in the most humble of conditions. Jesus was not born in at the Holiday Inn, but in a manger. Instead of celebrating the coming of the fat guy, we should celebrate the humble rebirth of ourselves through Jesus.

During this season we should not be concerned with what sales are on or how many gifts we have to buy, instead our only concern should be that we are honest with ourselves and we find true happiness through intrinsic avenues.

Someone recently asked me what I wanted for Christmas. I said peace of mind. They called me a scrooge because I did not say something like, "a baseball cap, two turtle-neck sweaters, a pair of sneakers and a partridge in a pear tree." I am not a scrooge, I just do not get excited about the superficial aspects of Christmas, but to each his own.

However you celebrate the holidays I wish you a safe and happy holiday. See you next year. Peace.



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Let's make a deal

College athletics are becoming big business. The players are now stronger and more intelligent and winning is top priority; but at what cost?

Should college players get paid? I feel the athletes should receive some type of stipend during their prospective seasons. The athletic schedules are long and often very stressful. It's hardly ever a time when the players can just sit back and relax for a couple of weeks. They have to stay fit and ready to go.

Often, these individuals never get a chance to go home like most of us do on the weekends to hit mom and dad up for a couple of dollars; they are here on campus or out on the road. At first glance it seems that college athletes are already being pampered and taken care of, but that's not always true. Yes, they get to travel, and yes they get a lot of exposure, but that comes from the nature of the sport.

As far as money goes, football and basketball in particular are a smash hit at the ticket offices. The amount of money that is raked in at the games is often unbelievable. When you figure that a football ticket here at A&T for example is about \$12 dollars, and a soda, hot dog, and maybe some candy, could run you four to five dollars, and with a capacity crowd on hand; think about it, mo' money, mo' money, and mo'money.

The point I'm trying to make is that since the players are helping to bring in this revenue, shouldn't they be compensated for it? Shouldn't they reap the rewards of their hard work? Many on the other hand feel that the players have already been paid in sense with scholarships and a chance to play. At one point I would have agreed to that opinion, but when one of my closest friends, who plays college basketball ran into some personal financial problems and had to rely on school funds just to stay there, my thinking was changed. Under some type of NCAA guidelines I think a small monetary figure could be reached.

Fear of black agenda sparks opposition to D.C. statehood

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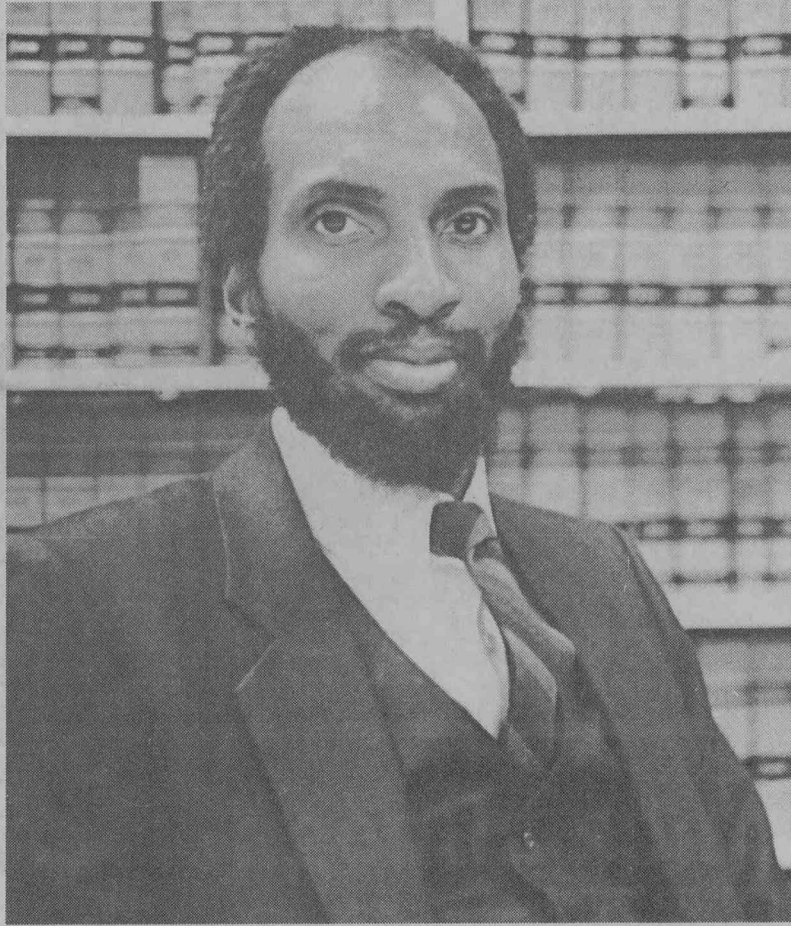
The racial composition of Washington, D.C. is predominantly African-American. Should statehood become a reality for the District, that demography means that two persons of color will probably be elected to serve in the now all-white Senate, and those Senators will probably register their votes on the liberal side of the ledger.

Could it be fear of this likelihood that is driving the fierce opposition to statehood for Washington, D.C.?

Although much of that opposition has been couched in legal and economic jargon, race and ideology pervade the subtext of Congressional debate on the subject.

The people of the District of Columbia have generally elected black officials who have pressed a liberal agenda that includes passage of the Human Rights Act of 1977, the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1991 and the Domestic Partnership Act of 1992, to name a few legislative giant steps.

Though unspoken, the spectre of this legislative impetus accelerating with the admission of New Columbia as the Union's 51st state is certainly worrying at least some opponents of statehood.



You have the right

African-Americans and others interested in our society's advancement should vigorously support statehood for the District of Columbia, and loudly and clearly indicate that they will remember those who stand in opposition. Such expression can bring about change: At least one politician who turned a deaf ear last fall to the thousands of women's voices raised against a Supreme Court nominee forfeited his Congressional seat as a result.

Lack of statehood means a lack of simple fairness

and fundamental rights for the people of the District. They are politically disenfranchised: the one delegate they elect to Congress can't vote and thus can't protect their interests even though District residents number more than the population of four states and pay more federal taxes than the people of eight states.

Every law passed and every cent allocated by District legislators must pass Congressional scrutiny. District residents must bear all the burdens of citizenship, including taxes and military

service, without enjoying any of the benefits. Colonialism is the word for the current status of the District of Columbia.

You don't live in Washington, D.C., you say, so why should care? Because statehood for the District is critical to your welfare too. A predominantly black state that sends two Senators and at least one Representative to Congress could mean three more votes for civil rights, reproductive rights, affordable housing, national health care and environmental protection.

No magic formula should be required to put the District on a democratic par with the other 50 states, which have been admitted to the Union by a simple majority in both houses of Congress and the President's signature.

At a recent Congressional hearing, the District's non-voting delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton told eloquently how her great-grandfather, a fugitive slave from Virginia, had crossed the state line into the District prior to the Civil War, feeling that he had found freedom. Today, his great-great-grandchildren who live in the District, though free of bondage, still do not enjoy full citizenship. This is unacceptable.

All who value liberty and democracy should champion the vision of New Columbia. Tell your Congressional representative: A vote against statehood for Washington, D.C. is a vote against your rights.

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